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Honorable Vernon A. Williams  
Surface Transportation Board  
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**Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 424X)—BNSF Railway Company (BNSF)  
Abandonment—in Dawson and McCone Counties, MT**

Dear Secretary Williams:

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon a 43.41-mile line of railroad extending between milepost 7.00 near Glendive and milepost 50.41 in Circle, in Dawson and McCone Counties, MT (the "Line"). Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on November 5, 2004 (69 FR 64631). The exemption became effective on December 7, 2004. By decision served May 31, 2006, the STB granted BNSF's request for an extension of time to file a notice of consummation until June 1, 2007.

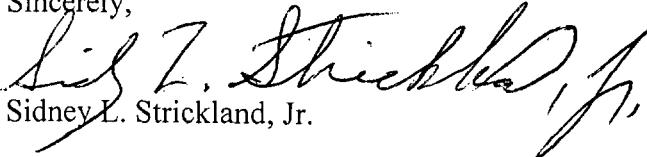
BNSF intends to use portions of the Line for car storage. Accordingly, BNSF requests authority from the Board to discontinue only, and not abandon, the subject Line.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 338-1325.

Sincerely,

  
Sidney L. Strickland, Jr.